

## Department of Licensing Motorcycle Safety Advisory Board



### Advisory Board Meeting Minutes June 6, 2008 Lacey Licensing Service Office 7:00 pm

#### 1. Call to order - 7:03 pm

#### 2. Introduction of Board members -

- Jim Wihlborg, Mike Gilbert, Bruce Santy, Chet Pennington, and Larry Walker.

#### 3. Review and approval of the minutes from the last meeting -

- Approved with amendment.

#### 4. Old Business -

- No old business.

#### 5. New Business -

- Washington Traffic Safety Commission - Penny Nerup  
She could not attend due to illness, she will reschedule for another date.
- Program Update – Steve Stewart  
Steve handed the board two sheets with information regarding the budget for the Motorcycle Safety Program. The two sheets showed the budgets for the base program index and the proviso. There are variances in the program indexes showing the base over \$11,000 and the proviso under \$40,000. Steve explained the variances and explained that under the new biennium the two indexes will become one under the base index. Larry would like a copy of the budget prior to the Advisory Board Meeting and wanted to know if it could be printed in a way to make it easier to read. Steve told him it could and he would do that.  
Steve introduced Dawn Hytry as the programs newest LSR4 with her start date of June 9, 2008 and explained the other LSR4 should start on July 1, 2008. Bruce asked where the program was with FTEs (full time employees) and Steve explained that with the last LSR4 it would make the program a staff of six making it fully staffed.
- Student Growth – Steve Stewart  
The numbers of students for is up an additional 1600 subsidized student for the

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same time last year keeping us on track to reach the target of 3000 more students for by the end of the year. Bruce asked where the contracts are in regards to rebidding and Steve told him all contracts are up for bid at the end of this year.

- Wait times – Steve Stewart

The backlogs from the contractors vary with some having a backlog of 20 weeks while others have only one week backlog.

- Endorseyourport.com – Steve Stewart

Steve explained that the Web Banners are still up and we are using more of the website with some updates, information on instructor training, and orientations. We are trying to create a site for everyone that is made of convenience and user friendly since he has complete control of everything but the Master page and is hoping for 10 million hits. There are no results yet on the media campaign. Hopefully by the next meeting we will have some numbers.

- Scooters – Steve Stewart

Scooter sales are going crazy; there was a press release through Department of Licensing with pertinent information. We are starting to gather information regarding mopeds involved in accidents. Our program tells the public that anyone riding a scooter that is 50cc or goes faster than 30 mph will need a motorcycle endorsement to ride that scooter on the streets, roads, or highways in Washington State.

- New Board Members – Steve Stewart

Both Bruce Santy and Jim Wihlborg are standing down from their advisory board positions; Bruce has been on the board for eight years and Jim for four years. New members have been chosen and will be named at the next meeting.

- Rider's Edge – Steve Stewart

Mike Richards with Harley Davidson took Wayne Curtin's position and is working with WSMP on a term for the pilot project. It looks to be a one year term. There are a couple of small details that need to be settled before anything can officially be announced. There is one dealership waiting to participate in the program.

- Miscellaneous – Steve Stewart

All contractors need their instructors to check the website to check the status of their MSF certification because if they are not certified then they cannot teach. In 2006 – 45.31 drivers were endorsed per 100,000 registered motorcycles. In 2007 – 33 drivers were endorsed per 100,000 registered motorcycles. The program was asked to go to vehicle miles vs. registrations for data, but have decided to stay with drivers vs. registrations.

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The totals of deaths for this year are not yet available.

### **6. Announcements -**

Next Meeting- September 5, 2008 – Ellensburg Licensing Office

Anticipated agenda items: Washington Traffic Safety Commission report – Penny Nerup

### **7. Board Member Forum**

- Jim explained that his time serving on the board has been a very educational process for him. He stated he had to ask questions to learn and now knows more than he did before serving on the board and he will miss everyone. He thanked everyone.
- Bruce explained it has been enjoyable to work on different items and enjoyed bringing interesting people together. He said it has been a blessing. He thanked everyone.
- Jim inquired about the lawsuit between Team Oregon vs. MSF. Steve told the board the lawsuit was dropped but does not have the specifics on it yet. He has done a review of Team Oregon's curriculum vs. MSF's curriculum. He explained that the WSMP has worked hard to get the curriculum where it is. After there is a legal notification regarding the lawsuit they will then get the Taskforce back together to review the curriculums.
- Mike wanted to know if anyone has approached Department of Licensing formally for new training. Steve replied there had been no such request that he knew of.
- Larry thanked both Bruce and Jim for their service and reassured Jim not to sell himself short and let him know he brought lots to the board and Bruce brought great statistical thought. He asked Chet if there was an uptake on the number of impoundments for motorcycles with non-endorsed riders. He also asked if we have a bunch of over zealous officers or are the people getting pulled over bringing attention to themselves? Chet stated there are no statistics on impounding, since patrolmen do not have time to target certain groups - only aggressive drivers. Larry asked about statistics on probable cause stops that lead to impound? Chet explained that there is an impound form that has a narrative section that explains the cause for the initial stop and that is public record which can be accessed through the WSP's public records section.

### **8. Public Forum -**

- Steve Duncan explained that in April 2008 a regional instructor came from Milwaukee here and four instructors are recertified in the Rider's Edge program and they have ranges and are ready to start teaching as soon as the contracts are signed. Eight Rider Edge classes can be held if they start on the target date of July 1, 2008.

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**9. Adjourn** – 8:16 pm